

Amendments to the Specification

Please add the Abstract attached hereto as a separate page of the specification.

Please replace the last paragraph on page 4 bridging to page 5 with the following amended paragraph:

Reaction (b) is conveniently carried out under an inert atmosphere and in the presence of an inert, organic solvent, preferably a mixture of isopropyl acetate and dimethylformamide. The temperature preferably is from about 15° to about 45°C and most preferred from about 20° to about 35°C. Suitable dehydration agents are (haloalkylene)dialkylammonium ~~halogenide~~ halides, wherein the alkyl or alkylene is a, preferably straight, carbon chain of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, most preferred methyl or methylene, and halogen is chloro, bromo or iodo, most preferred chloro. Most preferred as a dehydration agent is the Vilsmeier reagent i.e. chloromethylene)dimethylammonium chloride. Preferably a 2 to 20% molar excess of the dehydration agent is used. Subsequently any excess of Vilsmeier reagent may be decomposed by the addition of a small amount of water.

Please replace the 4th full paragraph on page 9 with the following amended paragraph:
ii) a pharmaceutical composition comprising,

- a) one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, and
- b) at least one N-(N'-substituted glycyI)-2(S)-cyanopyrrolidine, and
- c) between 0.00001% and 5% by weight of at least one (haloalkylene)dialkylammonium ~~halogenid~~ halide preferably chloromethylene)dimethylammonium chloride.